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I-O AMB/CORIDIN, FEB 17, 1976

1. IN REFTEL (A) EMBASSY POINTED OUT NEED FOR MAJOR CULTURAL  
PRESENCE IN ROMANIA DURING BICENTENNIAL YEAR IN WAKE OF  
CANCELLATION OF LAPO APPEARANCE HERE. IN REFTEL (D) EMBASSY  
REQUESTED DEPT'S ASSISTANCE IN FINDING TOPNOTCH ATTRACTION  
FOR SEVENTH TRIENNIAL EDITION OF GEORGE ENESCU INTERNATIONAL  
FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 11 THROUGH 20 (SLIGHT CHANGE IN DATES).  
IF THE DEPT CAN HELP US BOOK MAJOR EVENT DURING SEPTEMBER,  
BOTH REQUESTS WOULD BE SATISFIED SIMULTANEOUSLY.

2. ARIA AND COUNCIL HAVE CONTINUED TO PRESS EMBASSY FOR  
AMERICAN ARTISTS AT ENESCU FESTIVAL AND HAVE NOW EXPRESSED  
PREFERENCE FOR BALLET OR MODERN DANCE GROUP FOR TWO PERFORMANCES  
AT FESTIVAL IN BUCHAREST AND ONE OR TWO PERFORMANCES, IF POSSIBLE,  
DURING MUSICAL WEEK IN CLUB AFTERWARDS. INTERNATIONAL PRESEN-  
TATIONS ALREADY SCHEDULED FOR ENESCU FESTIVAL INCLUDE: BUDAPEST  
RADIO AND TELEVISION ORCHESTRA; BARSAI CHAMBER ORCHESTRA OF  
MOSCOW; BELGRADE MADRIGAL GROUP; WEST GERMAN STRING QUARTET  
FROM COLOGNE'S STUDIO DER FRUHE MUSIK; AND SEVERAL INSTRUMENTAL  
AND VOICE SOLOISTS. ARIA PREFERS AMERICAN DANCE COMPANY TO PROVIDE  
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PROGRAM BALANCE FOR FESTIVAL BUT WOULD WELCOME ANY WELL KNOWN

GROUP OR SOLOIST.

3. EMBASSY SUGGESTS FOLLOWING POSSIBILITIES GLEANED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES: (A) MERCE CUNNINGHAM DANCE COMPANY (14-16 MEMBERS) - TEL AVIV REFTEL, AS DESCRIBED TO US IN TELCON WITH EMBASSY BELGRADE, INDICATES THIS GROUP MAY HAVE OPEN DATES IN AUG-SEPT. (B) ROGER WAGNER CHORALE (80 MEMBERS) - TEL AVIV REFTEL INDICATES OPEN DATES FOR THIS GROUP AS WELL. (C) MARTHA GRAHAM DANCE CO. (20-25) - STATE A-863 (FEB 12, 1976) MENTIONS JUNE-NOV EUROPEAN ENGAGEMENTS, BELGRADE REPORTS GRAHAM SCHEDULED YUGOSLAVIA EARLY OR LATE AUGUST, AND WE UNDERSTAND GROUP WILL PERFORM AT GRAZ STEIRISCHE HERBST FESTIVAL IN OCTOBER. (D) TWYLA THARPE DANCE CO. (10) - STATE A-863 LISTS BERLIN FESTIVAL AND OPEN DATES IN SEP. (E) MURRY LOUIS OR BILL EVANS DANCE TROUPES - VOLSPKRS AND SATURDAY REVIEW DANCE CRITIC WALTER TERRY, IN BUCHAREST TWO WEEKS AGO, SUGGESTED BOTH AS "IMPRESSIVE SMALL MODERN DANCE COMPANIES SUITABLE FOR ROMANIA," ALTHOUGH WE NOTE FROM STATE A-863 THAT LOUIS GROUP IS BOOKED JUNE-JULY IN LATIN AMERICA.(F) LAR LUBOVICH DANCE CO (16) - CHOREOGRAPHER STUART SEBASTIAN ACCOMPANYING TERRY HERE, RECOMMENDED THIS GROUP, WHICH STATE

A-863 LISTS AS HAVING OPEN DATES IN SEP . LOUIS, EVANS AND LUBOVICH COMPANIES ALL CITED IN AMB. BARNES FEB 17 LETTER TO GUY CORIDEN. (G) ALVIN AILEY DANCE CO. (26) - STATE A-863 LISTS OPEN DATES SEP 7-13 FOR THIS OUTSTANDING COMPANY, WHICH PERFORMED VERY

SUCCESSFULLY IN ROMANIA AS RECENTLY AS 1974.

4. MOST GROUPS LISTED ABOVE ARE EXPENSIVE TO BOOK, TRANSPORT, AND HOUSE. BUT THE APPARENTLY SIZEABLE FUNDS ARIA HAS ALREADY COMMITTED TO ENESCU FESTIVAL BUDGET TOGETHER WITH FUNDS PREVIOUSLY EARMARKED FOR LAPO, MIGHT PROVIDE SUFFICIENT SUPPORT FOR SUCH AN ATTRACTION. EMBASSY PREFERS TO KNOW WHAT'S AVAILABLE AND ESTIMATED COSTS BEFORE OPENING NEGOTIATIONS WITH ARIA. APPRECIATE KNOWING ALSO WHETHER DEPT'S PROMISE IN LAST SENTENCE OF REFTEL B. INCLUDES ANY SUPPORT AT ALL FROM CU/ARTS FUNDS.  
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